GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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WHITE PAPER ON WTO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Farm Experts have urged the Government to issue White Paper on World Trade Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) : As reported in certain sections of the press, some experts have called for a White Paper on the impact of WTO Agreements on Indian agriculture.

(b) & (c) : The Government have already announced its National Agriculture Policy and have also put on the website of the Department of Commerce, a broad position paper on the WTO Agreement on Agriculture and the Indian proposals as submittedby India in the WTO for the ongoing mandated negotiations under the Agreement on Agriculture.